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From: Sandra Lindberg { **Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy** }
Sent: Friday, October 28, 2016 12:10 PM
To: R8EISC
Subject: Water Protectors, the Missouri River and the Last Appropriations Bill

I am writing about the violence happening to Water Protectors at this moment in North Dakota, caused in part by a confused federal appropriations bill. What is happening to indigenous people in ND is happening on your watch.

H.R.2029 ends the ban on the export of crude oil AND reauthorizes the Land and Water Conservation Fund. Strange, that juxtaposition.

When this bill made it legal for oil companies to profit from exporting crude, it fired up fossil fuel companies and their pipeline projects. Meanwhile, no amount of money in the LWCF will be able to restore lands and waters where pipeline accidents have leaked thousands of barrels of oil. In Louisiana every day there are an average of 30 pipeline accidents.

No wonder the Water Protectors are fighting the Dakota Access Pipeline.

The First Nation people who have gathered in North Dakota are protecting this country's land and water as the federal government is seemingly unable or unwilling to do. Yesterday, thanks to a live-feed from a private cell phone, I watched as ND police attacked unarmed native people with pepper spray, mace, tasers, rubber bullets, truncheons, sound cannons and shock grenades. Shrapnel from stun grenades tore into Water Protector's legs and wounded horses. I've seen horrific photos of Protectors who took a rubber bullet in the face, leaving behind a kind of human hamburger. Indigenous people are protecting land granted to them by an 1851 treaty. Militarized police are protecting the rights of one corporation intent on digging a pipeline under the Missouri that will harm drinking water for thousands. I say "will" advisedly. There is no pipe that lasts forever.

Findings by PHMSA's Harold Winnie agree with this statement of mine. See his, "Yellowstone River Crossings," a Power-Point presentation that discusses how river scouring led to multiple pipeline failures under this river, in spite of all attempts to site the pipe deep enough that such accidents would not occur. Climate change and extreme weather make current pipeline safety protocols woefully inadequate. The indigenous people are absolutely right to fight a pipeline that would go under the Missouri River so close to their communities.

What is happening in ND with expedited construction of pipelines (thanks to the notorious NWR-12, a regulation intended for pipes running from buildings to pipeline infrastructure that has been unconscionably broadened in interpretation so that pipelines like DAPL are divided into pieces small enough to avoid the Environmental Site Permit process) is happening in my state, too. These new pipelines all eventually flow through Illinois. Those of us who live here endure the risks of these pipelines while corporations like Enbridge and others reap the obscene profits. Meanwhile, the planet gets hotter and hotter.

I am writing because you have already asked the DAPL construction to cease until the Army Corps of Engineers makes a final determination about the Missouri River crossing. One statement is not enough. Contact the pipeline company again. Make the contact public. Do what you can to dial back the nature of North Dakota's militarized police response to the Water Protector's protest. Have one of your staff visit Facebook and search for Standing Rock or Red Warrior Camp so you can see for yourselves the war the H.R. 2029 has unleashed.

How far is the federal government going to let this go? There are very brave people in ND trying to do the right thing--without weapons and in a peaceful manner. What is your office going to do to fight the wrong caused by H.R.2029?

Hoping you can see the potential for terrible harm connected to this situation,
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